The Department of Human Services is working to make sure that people get timely access to services, that there is a full range, or “continuum,” of care across the state, that people can stay in their own home whenever possible, and that services support people’s choices so that they are in control of the care they receive.
The problem

• While progress is being made, challenges persist. Long wait times for substance use disorder assessment and services have created a barrier for many people to getting the care they need.

• In addition, a number of treatment options that would expand choice, availability and save money have not been reimbursable.
In response to these challenges, in the 2017 legislative session the State made a $2.427 million investment for the biennium in Minnesota’s substance use disorder treatment system.
What’s new

• Accessing treatment will be streamlined.

• Licensed providers will be allowed to offer services outside of site-based treatment programs.

• The continuum of care will be expanded by adding treatment coordination, peer support services and withdrawal management to the Medical Assistance benefit set.

• An analysis will be conducted of the payment rate structure and treatment models for services.

• Rate increase for SUD providers.
How we got here

• The 2017 legislative SUD reform package was the culmination of a long process of community and provider input.
Timeline

2012
- Legislation creates steering committee
- Substance Abuse Strategy formed

2013
- Model of Care Report

2014
- Model of Care Pilots

2015
- Listening Sessions
- Summary Report

2016
- Community meetings
- Workgroups
- Recommendations

2017
- SUD reform legislation passed
- Community meetings

More information
Provider and community input
• 2013: Minnesota’s Model of Care for Substance Use Disorder report

• 2012-2015: Model of Care and Model of Care Pilot report

• 2015: Listening sessions report

• January 2017: Substance Use Disorder System Reform Report and Recommendations, including workgroups, outreach and engagement activities, community presentations

• June 2017: 1115 Substance Use Disorder Waiver Demonstration Application Listening Session Question and Answer
Moving forward

• Now, together we have to implement the 2017 reforms.
  • Reimbursement for services outside treatment programs
  • Treatment coordination, peer support services, withdrawal management
  • Analysis of rate structure
  • Direct access

More information about implementing SUD reform
Direct access

• Moving away from Rule 25 to direct access is part of the reform.

• “Direct access” means allowing individuals to go directly to providers to receive an assessment for substance use disorder treatment.

• This is critical because people need to access treatment as soon as possible.
Benefits of direct access

- Up to 20 days less wait time for treatment.
Timeline

2018
- Treatment coordination, direct access, peer recovery support and comprehensive assessment implemented

2019
- Rule 25 and direct access coexist
- Withdrawal management implemented

2020
- Direct access in place
- Rule 25 ends
• SUD reform brings Minnesota closer to the goal of getting people the right help at the right time.

• And counties, providers, and concerned individuals are making it happen.
Thank you!

Learn more about substance use disorder treatment reform